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J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co. have nearly reached the end of the list of books to be published by them this side of the summer vacation. Some of those in partial readiness will be kept back for the autumn, and the probabilities are that the first week in July will close their publishing programme for the season. "The Second Wife," a novel after the German of E. Manne, "by J. J. L. Wister, and "The Mambi-Land," by J. J. The O'Kelly, are to be published immediately. second volume of the "Memoirs of John Quincy Adams," and "Lord Lytton's Speeches and Addresses," will both probably be published as soon as ready, but the rest of their list is likely to stand

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THE fashion seems to have become general for newspaper correspondents to make books of the materials collected during their professional undertakings. The Ashantee war gave rise to several such productions, and now that on Cuba, by Jas. J. O'Kelly, the correspondent of the New York Herald, whose arrest and imprisonment gave rise to some very "tall talk" in the journal which he represented, is promised in a few days by the Lippincotts. The book, as has been stated, is entitled "The Mambi-Land; or, Adventures of a Herald Correspondent in Cuba."

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A Report of Progress.

THE meeting of the Publishers' Board of Trade, which concluded its sessions too late for notice in our last issue, took, it will be seen, a decided step forward in trade reform, although the next day it rescinded its action and left discounts as they were before. The reconsideration was due, however, to the fact that the immediate adoption of a new system of discounts would compel the violation of certain existing contracts, and the total result may be construed as a declaration on the part of the publishers in favor of the reduction of discounts as soon as it may be brought about compatibly with existing arrangements. We trust sincerely that the representation of publishers at the Put-in Bay convention contemplated in another resolution may be general, and that the convention may thus be fully competent to speak for the whole trade.

Mr. Aston's reception by the board showed a full appreciation of the present difficulties, and we learn from him that a number of prominent New Yorkers have promised to be present at the convention. Mr. F. W. Christern, we may add, has consented to prepare and read a paper on the organization of the French and German trades.

Since our last, a meeting of the trade of Chicago has been held, at which Mr. G. B. Brown, of Toledo, presented the platform of the Book Trade Union, whose aims met with hearty support. Messrs. Jansen, McClurg & Co., Keen, Cook & Co., the Western News Co., Hadley Bros., and others, were represented, and we understand that the Chicago trade is a unit on this subject.

A letter from Mr. Robert Clarke, printed elsewhere, shows the feeling of the trade in Cincinnati.

All this encourages us to hope much success for the present movement. We believe that the Book Trade Union is destined, before many years have elapsed, to become a thoroughly national organization, in which all the publishers and the vast majority of dealers will have part, and that its convention will be a Congress of the trade that will deal usefully with many classes

of trade subjects, and do a great deal toward making the book business worthy of itself. And we trust that the Put-in Bay convention will be so effective for present purposes that by next fall the publishing interest will stand ready to agree to the main principles of reform, so that in the Trade List Annual for 1875 we shall be able to show the practical results of the agitation of the past year in a reduction of discounts and of prices.

WHERE is Put-in Bay? This has been the trade conundrum for some weeks, and conjecture has run wild from Alaska to New Jersey. We have before us authoritative information in a glowing circular from the leading hotel, in which the trade will be glad to learn there is a fine dancing hall 50x100, a dining-room, no mosquitoes, and a first-class barber's shop, not to mention "a skilful and experienced surgeon" and a cuisine. It is "the acknowledged superior of Saratoga, Newport and Long Branch," is 13 miles from Johnson's Island, half a mile from Gibraltar Island, and other islands to suit, and was the celebrated place into which Commodore Perry "put in" to say that "we have met the enemy and they are ours." We also learn from an exchange that Richmond's Museum has just been removed from Meadville to that place, doubtless because of the coming convention of the book trade. Usual discounts to clergymen, professors, and others outside of the trade. Any further information can be obtained by enclosing stamp to this office.

P. S.—Put-in Bay, Ohio, is a summer resort on Lake Erie, midway between Cleveland and Toledo. Steamers touch there from Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and other points, and communication is had with several railroads via Sandusky, and other cities.

A NOTABLE fact connected with journalistic literature is that the *Herald's* Khivan correspondent's book on the campaign is shortly to be translated into Russian, as the best authority on the subject.

into Russian, as the best authority on the subject.
Mr. HAMERTON'S "Sylvan Year," which has been running for some time in *The Portfolio*, will be published in a handsomely illustrated volume, by Messrs. Roberts Brothers, in the fall.

[OFFICIAL.]

Publishers' Board of Trade,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

25 Bond Street, New York.

Minutes of regular meeting held June 10 and 11, 1874, at the Grand Central Hotel.

First Session, 1:30 P. M., June 10.

Vice-President, A. S. BARNES, Esq., in the chair.

The following houses were represented:

D. APPLETON & CO.; A. S. BARNES & CO.; BREWER & TILESTON; J. H. BUTLER & CO.; CLARK & MAYNARD; COWPERTHWAIT & CO.; R. S. DAVIS & CO.; A. H. ENGLISH & CO.; GINN BROTHERS; HARPER & BROTHERS; HENRY HOLT & CO.; IVISON, BLAKEMAN, TAYLOR & CO.; G. R. LOCKWOOD; ALBERT MASON; SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO.; SHELDON & CO.; TAINTOR BROS.; UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING CO.; WILSON, HINKLE & CO.

Minutes of preceding meeting approved.

The Arbitration Committee presented a report in a complaint made by Messrs. Brewer & Tileston, A. S. Barnes & Co., and R. S. Davis & Co., against Messrs. Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.

Dr. Brewer appealed from the decision of the committee to the Board, under by-law xxi.

Mr. Holt moved that the Board delegate its power of finally settling the case to a special committee of three.

Pending the resolution, it was amicably agreed among the parties that Mr, Blakeman should accompany Mr. Albert Barnes to the place where the a'leged violation of the law occurred, and that the decision he should render, after himself examining the facts alleged against his house, should be accepted by all parties.

The Articles of Association and By-Laws, as passed at the preceding meeting, were then taken up for revision.

Mr. Mason moved that all restrictions regarding the number of agents be removed. Carried.

Mr. Bragg moved that the maximum rates of discount be on regular sales 33½ per cent., on introductions 25 per cent., on exchanges 50 per cent., and on sales from branch houses 25 per cent. Carried.

On motion, the Chair appointed as a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, Messrs. Bragg, Soper, and Holt.

Adjourned till 10:30 A. M., June 11th.

Second Session, 10:30 A. M., June 11th.

Vice-President A. S. Barnes, Esq., in the chair.

The consideration of Articles of Association and By-Laws was resumed.

Several minor amendments were made regarding the conduct of arbitrations, which will be found printed in the forthcoming edition of the By-Laws.

Mr. Isaac C. Aston, of Columbus, Ohio, President of the American Book-Trade Union, was invited to address the Board. He spoke of the need for a reduction in the scale of discounts, reading the fourth article of the platform of his association as follows:

4th. That to assure permanence in these reforms, the retail price of books should be reduced so that the largest discount under any circumstance could not exceed one-third.

Mr. Aston thanked the Board for having on the preceding day taken action conforming to this provision, and closed by inviting the members of the Board to attend the next convention of the American Book-Trade Union at Put-in Bay, Ohio, on the 21st, 22d and 23d of July next.

On motion of Mr. Albert Barnes, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Aston for his invitation, and that such members as can accept it be requested to do so.

Mr. Holt moved a new by-law, providing that,

Where any changes in these Articles of Association and By-Laws conflict with contracts in existence, the Executive Committee shall be immediately notified what these contracts are, and the parties bound by them may then keep them in good faith.

Adjourned till 3 P. M.

Third Session, 3 P. M.. June 11th.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Smith Sheldon, Esq., was selected to take the chair.

Mr. Bragg moved a new by-law, as follows:

No member of this Board, nor any of its agents or employees, shall, in printed pamphlet, circular, advertisement, or newspaper article, criticise, unfavorbly compare, or specifically name, in any way calculated to injure them, the school text-books of any member of this Board, or circulate, or cause or connive at the printing, publication, or circulation of any matter invidiously reflecting upon the honor, integrity, good faith and fair dealing of any fellowmember of this Board. Carried.

Mr. David Ivison moved to reconsider the changes in discounts passed the day before. Carried.

Mr. Isaac Sheldon moved:

I. To permit the publication of Retail or Wholesale Lists at discretion.

II. To make the maximum discounts-

(A.) In regular sales, one-third from the retail price, or 163 per cent. from the wholesale.

(B.) In introductions, at the regular wholesale

(C.) In Exchanges, one-half from the retail, or one-third from the wholesale.

Mr. David Ivison moved to amend by rescinding the action regarding discounts taken the day before, and restoring them to their original status under the laws hitherto in force.

A very protracted debate ensued, the leading points in which were, that the changes made the preceding day would bring unjustifiable hardships on houses holding certain contracts, and that no plan of obviating this had been devised, which would keep the proper ratio between wholesale and introductory prices.

To meet the latter point, Mr. Sheldon moved a resolution additional to his pending one, that freight and cartage be no longer allowed in introductory sales.

Mr. Maynard moved to submit the resolutions to a committee, with instructions to report forthwith. Carried.

Chair appointed Messrs. Maynard, Butler, Bragg, I. Sheldon, Blakeman, and Emerson (from Harper & Bros.)

After an unexpectedly long absence, the comittee declared themselves unable to agree.

After considerable debate, action was had on Mr. Ivison's amendment (restoring the discounts which had been changed the day before) and it was carried.

Mr. Emerson (on behalf of Harper & Brothers) moved that each house be allowed to send books on sale to four places to be reported to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Other minor legislation was had during the meeting (chiefly on forms of expression), which will be duly printed in the forthcoming edition of the By-Laws.

Mr. Bragg reported a circular from the Committee appointed at the preceding meeting, to defend the Board against certain unjust aspersions. The document was referred back to the committee to be revised and printed for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Holt reported from the Committee on Nominations the following names of gentlemen to serve for the ensuing year:—

President : A. S. Barnes.

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Arbitration Committee: Effingham Maynard, C. C. Collins, J. H. Butler.

Executive Committee: A. H. English, Edward Seymour, J. B. Cowperthwait.

The Secretary of the Board was appointed to call the ballot of the Board for all but the Arbitration Committee. This committee, it was held, requires individual balloting.

The officers were elected as nominated.

Adjourned.

HENRY HOLT, SECRETARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Mr. Clarke on Trade Reform.

WE are glad to print, by kind permission of Mr. Aston, the following letter addressed to him by Mr. Robert Clarke, of Cincinnati, whose honored name lends additional force to his indisputable logic:

CINCINNATI, June 10, 1874.

ISAAC C. ASTON, Esq.,

Pres. Amer. Book Trade Union.

MY DEAR SIR: I take the liberty of writing you while you are on your mission East, to ask your attention to one point in reference to our July meeting—namely, the importance of having the principal publishing houses represented at that meeting.

Our "Union" was inaugurated by booksellers, but the discussions soon made it evident that we are comparatively powerless in attempting to redress the abuses which have crept into the trade, without the co-operation of the publishers. Without that we may meet and discuss and resolve till Doomsday, without accomplishing anything. We cannot revise their prices or discounts. We cannot stop underselling, so long as they continue the practice. We cannot hinder them from contributing to trade sales; as long as they exist they will be patronized. We need not meet to discuss these points among ourselves-that has been done sufficiently to show that we are almost a unit in desiring the reforms indicated. It is all very well enough, too, to obtain an expression of opinion on each point separately from the publishers privately, but it would facilitate matters very much if you could secure the attendance of a representative of nearly all the large publishing houses at our Put-in Bay meeting.

I hope you will urge this matter on the publishers. If it meets with general favor among them, you might—and I think that as President you have power to do so—appoint a committee of six, from those who will promise to attend, to meet a committee of six booksellers of your Executive Board, at Put-in Bay the day before the general meeting, to have an exchange of views on the various points in the platform adopted at the last meeting, in order to form an idea beforehand what kind of action will meet with general support both from the publishers and booksellers. The fact is their and our interests are the same. They should unite in this "Union" on equal terms, and take an equal share in the proceedings. It is only thus that any definite or desirable conclusion can be had.

If you succeed in obtaining a very general representation of the publishers at our meeting, it will be much better than any amount of endorsement, and the way will be clear for the adoption at once of some practical plan for the adjustment of the various interests represented, for the correction of the errors and abuses which have so greatly demoralized the trade in this country.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours very truly,

ROBERT CLARKE.

A Few Suggestions.

Омана, Мау 23d, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

We are glad to note in the WEEKLY the letter from your Baltimore correspondent in regard to bare-backed books. This protest has long been needed, and it is to be hoped publishers of these volumes will hereafter see the advantage of lettering the backs of such books.

If publishers and book-jobbers would also be less careless in returning "advice" as to books ordered and not furnished, they would save the

retail trade a great deal of annoyance.

Simply stating at the bottom of the invoice that "balance will be sent in next," or "new books ordered will be sent when ready," or simply "out of balance" is of no service. We believe the English custom is to enter on the invoice every book ordered and write the reason for not sending against it.

Lee, Shepard & Dillingham also make out their invoices in this way: it is much better than no memorandum, but is not so useful as the method assumed to be followed by D. Appleton & Co., and J. B. Lippincott & Co., and others, of sending a separate slip of all books not furnished with the reasons why they were not sent. This memorandum can be filed, and is very convenient for reference.

Our only fault as to this is, that the firms who have adopted the method are so slovenly about using it, not sending the slip half the time. Were publishers aware of its great usefulness to the retail bookseller they would insist upon its always

being sent.

While writing I will take occasion to call attention to the difficulty experienced by book-dealers in obtaining special numbers of magazines, foreign periodicals and catalogues, unusual books, etc., etc. I need not recount the tedious and vexatious methods that must now be employed in order to obtain any of the above things—every book-seller has had more or less experience in the matter. But why it should remain so is a mystery. It seems to me that the supplying of these articles might be made a profitable branch of the book business. It would not require much stock, and but little store room, so the expenses of carrying on the business would be small, and the commission on the sales ought to pay well. It is possible that the trouble and risk of the many small accounts has deterred any one from undertaking it, but this could easily be avoided, if a responsible man assumed the business, by having each customer make a small deposit, and the dealer sending him a statement when it was nearly used upworking on a plan similar to that used by the Chicago Tribune in supplying that paper to their customers. We think nearly every bookseller could afford and would, because of its convenience, keep such a deposit.

Respectfully yours,
L. THORVEL SOLBERG.

Close Shaving.

NASHVILLE, June 5, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: Lately Professor ———, of the University of the South, was in my store, and on my proposing to supply him with books, he made reply that he could buy cheaper in New York. On inquiry as to discount allowed him, he gave the following illustration: Recently he ordered a

copy of Deschanel's Elementary Treatise on Natural Philosophy from the house of ——; it came post paid for \$3.50, the retail price thereof being \$6.50. I suggested that probably the publisher hoped to effect an introduction, or something of that sort. He thought not, as it was not in his department. I did not press the question of supplying him any further.

If it is necessary, the name of the professor making the purchase, and the Broadway firm that supplied the book, can be given. This little incident suggests the following query: Can the trade profitably employ professors, lawyers, doesors, ministers, teachers, etc., as buyers, in order to ob-

tain bottom prices?

Yours truly,

BOOK-SHAVER.

A Digest of Trade Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, 15th June, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

While an effort is being made to adjust various difficulties in the book trade, would it not be well to define and codify the somewhat ambiguous "rules" and "courtesies" by which publishers are supposed to be governed in reprinting foreign books? If unanimous assent could be obtained to a digest of those rules, it might assist in preventing the unfortunate complications which now occasionally arise. Time, I know, is money, but I venture to predict that it would pay the publishers to send delegates to the convention for this purpose.

Lex Mercatoria.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

MR. WINWOOD REED'S book on Coomassie has been withdrawn, temporarily, by his publisher. Copies had already been sent to the papers, and these the papers were politely asked to give back, and did so, or some of them did. It may be hoped that somebody has been indiscreet enough to find out why the book was recalled and what the mischievous passages were, and to get them somehow before the public. The public derives so much enjoyment from a little mischief, and the mischief may be harmless after all. What I hear is that there were attacks on Sir Garnet Wolseley of a kind which gave deep offence either to Sir Garnet or to some of his more sensitive friends. So Messrs. Smith & Elder were privately addressed, and made to see how much more prudent it was to suppress the objectionable parts. My bookseller, who knows a great many queer things, tells me that nothing is more common with publishers than to discover mistakes too late. A new book is often followed next day by a woman with scissors and paste-pot, who goes over all the copies delivered, and cuts out some offending page, and pastes in the expurgated one in its place, neither buyer nor reader being the wiser, nor even guessing what piquant improprieties they have missed.-Mr. Smalley in Tribune.

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Evening Mail.

The total cost to Mr. Geo. W. Childs, of the MS. of Dickens' "Our Mutual Friend," of which we have before spoken, was \$1,400. The manuscript was given by Dickens to Mr. Eneas Sweetland Dallas, the whilom husband of Miss Glyn, the actress, and who is well known as a journalist in England. Mr. Dallas subsequently sold the manuscript, and it came into the possession of the late John Camden Hotten, after whose death it was sent to this country through the agency of Mr. Welford, and then by purchase it came into the hands of its present owner. The whereabouts of the manuscript was unknown to either Mr. Foster or the family of Dickens, and the former wrote to this country to inquire about it.

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